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SUBJECT: RELATIVE FORCE CAPABILITIES

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(B) BRUSSELS 4529

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1. RECENT REPORTING MESSAGES CLEARLY INDICATE THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S PROGRAM OF EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH SELECTED NATO DEFENSE MINISTERS ON DATA AND ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLYING ASSESSMENT OF NATO/WARSAW PACT RELATIVE CONVENTIONAL FORCES CAPABILITIES HAS HAD SIGNIFICANT POSITIVE EFFECT.

2. WE ANTICIPATE BEING ASKED SOME QUESTIONS BY SENIOR DELEGATION OFFICIALS RELATING TO MATTERS COVERED IN BRIEFINGS GIVEN TO THEIR DEFENSE MINISTERS IN WASHINGTON, AND WANT TO BE PREPARED TO HANDLE THEM. FURTHER, MUCH MIGHT BE DONE WITH SENIOR DELEGATION OFFICIALS AT NATO BY WAY OF FOLLOW-UP TO WASHINGTON BRIEFINGS. TO ADVANCE HERE THE OBJECTIVE PURSUED BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO BE CONVERSANT WITH THE FACTS AND METHOD OF PRESENTATION USED IN WASHINGTON.  
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THUS, EFFORT HERE WOULD BE CONSISTENT AND COMPLEMENTARY TO THAT OF SECDEF.

3. SUGGEST THAT WASHINGTON PROVIDE BRIEFING TO USNATO TO GIVE

THE SAME PRESENTATION BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO MOD'S AS THEY VISIT  
WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF A SET OF BACKUP  
CHARTS COULD BE PROVIDED.

4. DATE DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 20 OR ALTERNATIVELY DURING  
PERIOD 4-7 SEPTEMBER WOULD BE SUITABLE.  
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